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I feel both fortunate and proud to commemorate with you the 25th Anniversary of the Legislative Fellows Program, a joint partnership of the Delaware General Assembly and the University of Delaware’s Institute for Public Administration. The program provides some of our best and brightest young people—selected through a very competitive, university-wide process—with an inside look at the formation and adoption of the public policy that governs this state, preparing them to make a difference in challenging, stimulating, and highly rewarding public service careers. This preparation comes over the course of the legislative session while working directly with our state’s legislators and legislative staff on substantive and wide-ranging public policy issues.

Through their nonpartisan research, Legislative Fellows deepen their understanding of the legislative process, observe first-hand the political dynamics, and make important contacts with state and local government officials and business and community leaders. Their experiences are deepened with the reflection provided by participation in a graduate seminar on state government and management, connecting theory and real-world practice—a critical element of this kind of experiential learning. Following the completion of the Legislative Fellows Program, many of our students are drawn to the public policy arena, positively impacting the daily lives of people in our state, nation, and beyond.

Celebrating this milestone would not have been possible without the extraordinary leadership and forethought of the members of the Delaware General Assembly; the commitment and direction of students by the caucuses’ administrative assistants; ongoing and selective recruitment, training, and management of students by IPA’s program managers; special assistance of legislative and university staff; strong recommendations of high-quality candidates by faculty and public service professionals; and, especially, the talent and dedication of our exceptional students. I personally thank each of you for your loyalty and support. With this great partnership, I am confident that the Legislative Fellows Program will be even more successful in the future as it has been thus far.

Jerome R. Lewis, Ph.D.
Director, Institute for Public Administration
For 25 years the Legislative Fellows Program has fostered a reputation of professionalism, dedication, and quality research—a testament to bright and hard-working students and sound guidance from legislators and experienced staff at the Delaware General Assembly. The successful partnership between the General Assembly and the University of Delaware’s Institute for Public Administration has proven mutually beneficial by linking the research capacity of the university with the research and staffing needs of the legislature. Nearly 200 Legislative Fellows have contributed to the policymaking process through their nonpartisan, in-depth research while earning the respect of our state’s leaders.

The program began in 1982 with just two students on four-month contracts in the House of Representatives. The pilot program provided research to the Environmental Committee and the Health and Social Service Committee. Early duties of Legislative Fellows entailed analysis of proposed legislation and oral presentations of findings before the committees. Assignments included background research on proposals to create a new Department of Children, Youth and Their Families and the delivery of services to children in the state’s foster-care program as well as analysis on Delaware’s superfund program to clean up toxic-waste facilities. Later, the program was extended to the entire legislative session and, in 1988, to include placements in the Senate.

Over the years, the program expanded to 10–12 Fellows assigned among the four caucuses. Depending on their caucus placement, some Fellows staff committees of the House or Senate, a role that is conducted by full-time staff in larger state legislatures. Fellows also draft responses to constituent inquiries, press releases, policy briefs, and, in special cases, resolutions and bills. Lastly, they are involved in both short- and long-term research projects as diverse as land-use planning, electric-utility deregulation, credit fraud/identity theft, and education reform.

While most Fellows serve while pursuing their Master of Public Administration (MPA) degrees, others have earned graduate degrees in political science, accounting, urban affairs, sociology, geography, international relations, economics, agricultural economics, and gerontology studies. Some have received doctoral degrees in urban affairs, political science, educational policy, and psychology. In addition to graduate students, a small number of especially qualified senior-level undergraduates have served as Legislative Fellows, many of whom decided to pursue their MPA degrees at the university as a result of their positive experiences as Legislative Fellows. You can count on former Fellows to be successful in future professional endeavors; in fact, Lieutenant Governor John C. Carney, Jr. served as a Legislative Fellow in 1984, and state Representative Diana McWilliams participated in 1992.

Dr. Jerome Lewis, IPA director and the founder of the Legislative Fellows Program, calls it “a unique Delaware experience.” Fellows thread themselves into the fabric of the General Assembly and become essential to the legislature’s functioning. While some states have similar programs, Delaware’s Legislative Fellows Program is distinctive for a number of reasons. It is the only program where the university and the legislature share the cost. The relatively small size of the state and legislature affords our Legislative Fellows an intimate study of the legislative process while working directly with the state’s elected officials on substantive and complex public policy issues. Indeed, the amount of responsibility given to our Legislative Fellows is unmatched by most other legislative internship programs. Our students are humbled by and proud of the responsibility with which they have been charged and have worked rigorously and diligently to meet the challenge with success. With a demonstrated record of professionalism, enthusiasm, and competency, our Legislative Fellows will continue to both exceed the highest expectations and prove invaluable to both the Delaware General Assembly and the University of Delaware.
Legislative Fellows 1982-2006

1982
Donna Eaton Curtis
Martin Wollaston

1983
Mark Chura
Mary Hudson

1984
Lisa Abatemarco
John Carney

1985
Paul Cherry
Joyce Fuhrman
Brigid Mullen

1986
Richard L. Abbott
James Bierbaum
Joan S. Powell
Kim Stahl Dryfoos
Sameer Vyas
Elaine Young

1989
Tanny Higgins
Margaret MacCormac
Angus Macdonald
Mark Manno
Steven McClure
Mark Metzelaar
Anita Puglisi

1990
Carol Chasin
Hope Day Cochran

1991
Nancy Beauchemin

1992
Michelle Carroll Lugg
Daniel Ganz
Stuart Gittelman
Renard Johnson
Robin Mayhew
Ronald Robinson
Scott Tester

1993
David Dillon
Christopher Eisenberg
Daniel Ganz
Christine Kraft
Robin Mayhew
Joseph Testa
Scott Tester
Diana Oliver McWilliams

1994
Jennifer Adkins
Kristin Barneakov Short
Christopher Greenfield

1995
Elizabeth Appel
Renzette
Crystal Rice
Christina Rodriguez
Kelly Sheehy Shone

1996
Candace Archer
Surendran Balan
David Dooley
Teresa Milio
Evelyn Scocas
Nestlerode
Constantin Pirovolidis
Consuella Barbour Rapp
Joyce Spears
Carol Sirkowski
Ann Marie Noone
Townshend

1997
Cristina Carucci

1982–2006
The current Legislative Fellows are listed on the back page of this booklet.
Emily Gonce
2001 & 2002 Senate Minority

The most significant thing that I took away from my Legislative Fellows experience was that legislators actually care and respond to their constituents and that they do find their jobs meaningful and rewarding. With the media hype these days with political scandals, it’s easy to think that all legislators are in the job for their own personal, selfish gain. It’s refreshing to know that many lawmakers are dedicated public servants and give up quite a lot of their personal lives and time in public service. It was my first-hand view of them that made the difference for me.

Dr. Devona Williams
1987 House Majority

I made lifelong friends as a Legislative Fellow. The insight I gained as a Legislative Fellow has served me well throughout my career, with DuPont, in my consulting practice, and as an advocate for charitable and political causes.

Melanie Ross Levin
2003 & 2004 Senate Minority

My most memorable experience was that, on April Fools’ Day in 2004, the Senate Legislative Fellows stole the House Legislative Fellows’ van keys and gave them a series of clues in order to get the keys back. The last person who had the keys was former Legislative Fellow and current Lt. Governor John Carney. While presiding over the Senate, Lt. Governor Carney waited for the House Fellows to fulfill the last challenge—doing the ‘YMCA’ from the balcony of the Senate!

Garth Spencer
2006 House Minority

The last day/night of session had to be the most memorable because of its tradition of “stopping the clock.” It was interesting to witness the large amount of legislation that became law while most of the citizens of the state were asleep and had no idea what was occurring.

Karina Halvorsen Wright
1998 Senate Minority

Understanding how to navigate the political and legislative processes has been invaluable to my work in the nonprofit sector. When I work with elected officials and their staff members, I know my issue is but one of hundreds they’re dealing with, so I make it a point to be brief, and I anticipate the questions they’ll ask.

Sarah McCloskey
2005 House Majority

At the start of the my Fellows experience, I had no intention of pursuing a career in Delaware. However, I had made such wonderful professional connections that job opportunities literally came knocking on my door. I was fortunate to have been able to choose where I wanted to begin my career and have been thankful for the Legislative Fellows Program ever since! It confirmed my interest in the political arena.
Here’s a sample of what past Legislative Fellows are doing now.

Ray Callaway
*2005 & 2006 Senate Majority*
Financial Analyst, Jones Lang LaSalle

Maureen Laffey Freel
*1987 House Majority*
Director, Delaware Higher Education Commission

Richard Abbott
*1986 House Majority*
Attorney (real estate and land-use)

Thomas Friedman
*2006 House Majority*
Associate, Health and Welfare Division, Towers Perrin, Boston

Dr. Candace Archer
*1995 & 1996 House Majority*
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Bowling Green State University

Daniel Ganz
*1991 & 1992 Senate Majority*
Director of Business Development, PADCO, AECOM

Hilary Bell
*2006 House Majority*
Budget Analyst, Office of Capital Budgeting, Department of Budget and Management, State of Maryland

Stuart Gittelmann
*1991 House Majority*
Executive Director, Delta Phi Fraternity

Angi Beranek
*2004 House Majority*
Sales Executive, ValuAmerica

Christine Godek
*2004 House Majority*
Manager, Volunteer Services & Communications, American Red Cross

Kama Boland Levendis
*1999 & 2001 Senate Majority*
Mother; former Miss Delaware

Emily Gonce
*2001 & 2002 Senate Minority*
Senior Governmental Affairs Consultant, New York Life Insurance Company

Lisa Brennan
*2005 House Majority*
Program Analyst, Mass Transit and Passenger Rail Security Division, Transportation Security Administration

Christopher Greenfield
*1993 & 1994 Senate Minority*
Vice President, Mid America Group, Des Moines, Iowa

Dená Brummer
*2005 Senate Majority*
Media Relations/Press Secretary, Georgia Department of Community Health

Susan Keene Haberstroh
*2001 House Majority*
Executive Assistant to the Delaware Secretary of Education

Merritt Burke
*1998 House Majority*
Project Manager, Ocean Atlantic Associates (real estate development), Rehoboth Beach

Andrew Haines
*2002 House Majority*
Parking Administrator, City of Newark, Del.

Merrill Callahan
*1998 House Majority*
Environmental Planner, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Janna Craig
*2003 & 2004 House Minority*
Registrar/Admissions Director, Junior Statesmen Foundation
Where Are They Now?

Sarah Hench  
2002 & 2003 House Majority  
Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Government & Community Affairs, New York University

Diliana Zaprianova Henry  
1999 Research Division  
Technology Project Manager, JP Morgan Chase

Marcus Henry  
2000 Research Division  
Director of Development, Wilmington Housing Authority

Mary Hudson  
1983 House Majority  
Retired public school administrator; volunteer for agencies of change

Anna Wojewodzki Hunter  
1997 Senate Majority  
Mother; Freelance editor; Planning and Zoning Commissioner, City of Ballwin, Mo.

Sanskriti Inamdar  
2006 House Majority  
Business Finance Specialist, Delaware Economic Development Office

Dr. Thomas Janes  
1994 House Majority  
Department of Justice

Mari Rose Johnson  
1999 House Majority  
Federal Affairs Department, American Medical Association

Leah Jones  
2000 Senate Majority  
Executive Assistant to the Cabinet Secretary of Delaware Health and Social Services

Jonathan Kirch  
2005 & 2006 House Majority  
Second-year MPA student; Research Assistant, IPA, University of Delaware

Lauren Berk Kline  
1998 House Majority  
Deputy Comptroller, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice

Melanie Ross Levin  
2003 & 2004 Senate Minority  
Campaign Manager, Vision 2015 (improving education in Delaware)

Luis “Albert” Loyola  
1998 Senate Majority  
Contract Operations Manager, Delaware Transit Corporation (DART—First State)

Michelle Carroll Lugg  
1991 House Majority  
Attorney

Mark Manno  
1988 & 1989 House Majority  
State Extension Educator, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Delaware

John Matlusky  
1996 & 1997 House Majority  
Director of Policy & Communications, House Majority Caucus, Delaware General Assembly

Robin Mayhew  
1991 & 1992 House Minority  
Program Manager, Puget Sound Regional Council, Seattle, Wash.

Sarah McCloskey  
2005 House Majority  
Director of Planning & Policy, Delaware Health Care Commission

Daniel LaCombe  
1989 & 1990 House Majority  
Transportation Planning Supervisor, DelDOT

David Levett  
2005 House Majority  
Budget Analyst, Maryland Department of Budget and Management

Sarah McCloskey  
2005 House Majority  
Director of Planning & Policy, Delaware Health Care Commission

Diana Oliver McWilliams  
1992 House Majority  
State Representative, Delaware 6th District
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